

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Knox County EMA
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May 4, 2021 LEPC Meeting

held via Zoom

Meeting Attendees:

Ray Sisk	Knox County EMA Director	Matthew Coleman	Lonza
Candice Richards	LEPC Secretary	Tim Polky	St. George Town Manager
Eric Greiner	Dragon	Tom Nelson	PBMC
Jerry Squires	Fisher	Peter Beckett	Appleton Selectman
Jon Woodward	DEP	Mike Ames	Maine Water

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by LEPC Chair Tim Polky.

Approval of minutes: 6/9/20, 12/8/20, 4/6/21

- Ray Sisk made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes. Eric Greiner seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Secretary's Report:

1. 2020 Tier 2 Reports:

The 2020 Tier 2's have slowed down significantly post deadline of 3/1/21. Candice will be working with Matt Fournier at MEMA to figure out which facilities still need to report and work with those entities to get their reports completed. We are somewhere past the 2/3rds mark.

2. AR-1 Reports Received:

- 4/12/21 motor vehicle accident – leaking gas and oil

Treasurer's Report:

There was no treasurer's report this month.

Training updates: *Knox County LEPC has a \$6,693.42 funding commitment for responder/facility HAZMAT/Chemical Safety related training.*

New Business:

1. LEPC Member Recruiting & Orientation – “Back to Basics”:

Ray talked about how a lot of people don't know the basics about what the LEPC's role is in the community. He explained about the EPA course that was listed in the agenda for today. There have been some issues with getting the online course to cooperate when signed in as a “guest” since we are not EPA employees, but Ray felt that he learned more in the first 30 minutes than in the past 14 years and felt it was worth the time to take it. Candice shared her screen and showed the two login methods. The second method is requesting an actual login but we don't know yet if anyone with a non-governmental email address will get approved. Sicy Jacobs from the EPA worked on the course and is helping deal with some of the access issues.

2. Membership Updates

- Jon Woodard does still cover our area as supervisor at the DEP. There was some confusion recently based on an email from a state employee that seemed to imply Jon was gone, but he's still there. Jon is working on filling Jeremy Greenman's position.

3. Discuss Strategic Work Plan 2021-2022

Ray noted that he is working on the draft for the new plan. Everyone received a copy of the current one expiring at the end of June and he asked everyone for feedback/thoughts/suggestions, etc. He talked about the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan needing review and updates as well.

Miscellaneous:

1. Meeting Styles

There was a discussion about meeting styles for future meetings (in person vs. virtual). Without asking people about vaccination status we were considering working towards meeting in person. We can ask people if they are vaccinated but we can't require they give us this information because of HIPPA. Ray asked what everyone thought about meeting in person because he feels it's important to be able to network and meet in person. Some folks participate via zoom if they're not comfortable or can't physically attend the meeting. Currently the County EMA office is still a construction zone so it may still be a bit before the meetings are in person. We aren't going to ask anyone if they're vaccinated but if you come here you'll need to wear a mask.

If your facility is required to have an emergency response plan please check what version yours is and see if the LEPC has the new one. If you know of anyone that might have interest in the committee, we can have members that aren't one of the statutory seats. The Knox County LEPC has never had anyone from the press and have had very little first responder involvement. Peter Beckett is the only elected official.

2. Next Meeting

The next regular LEPC meeting will be June 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Knox County EMA Office, via Zoom.

Adjourn:

- Ray Sisk made a motion to adjourn. Peter Beckett seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Richards
LEPC Secretary

Remaining 2021 Meeting dates: May 4, June 1, July 6, August 4, September 7, October 6, November 2, December 1